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Nazis Who Expelled Christ from Orthodoxy

Historical Facts: The Anti-Cult Trail of Early Christian Persecutors

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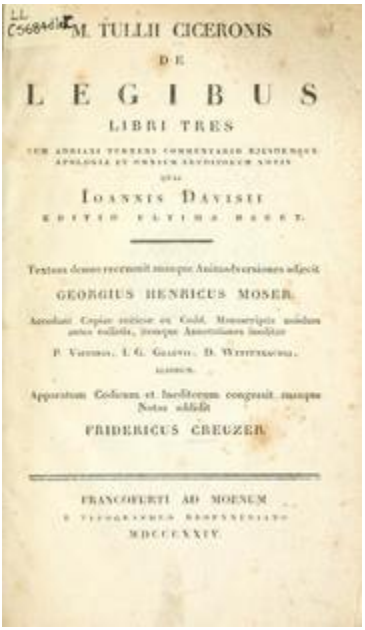
In various countries around the world, amidst escalating political conflicts, there are increasing calls to defend the traditional religions of these nations, which are claimed to be

under threat from “outsiders.” Such rhetoric creates an image of the enemy, intended to instill fear. And fear, as we know, fear breeds aggression. Against the backdrop of escalating inter-religious conflicts, efforts are underway to pass legislation aimed at protecting the rights of followers of the dominant religion and reinforcing its position. Consequently, even though a country’s constitution may proclaim freedom of religion, new laws strengthen the dominant religion, effectively elevating it to a state religion. To understand the implications of such policies, this article examines both historical and contemporary documentary sources.

History remembers the persecution, arrests, torture, and illegal trials faced by the first Christians two thousand years ago. They were accused of practicing a faith different from the state religion, of illegal preaching—in today’s terms, engaging in unlawful missionary activities. Even Jesus Christ Himself faced persecution, torture, trial, and the most shameful execution on these exact charges.

In Roman society at the time, the legacy of the past—laws from Cicero, Plato, and other prominent statesmen, orators, and philosophers of the pre-Christian era—continued to exert significant influence. This certainly shaped the actions, rhetoric, and inhumane methods of the Christian persecutors.

Numerous historical records, documents, and other evidence, previously not widely publicized and known only to specialists deeply studying this topic, have survived. Thanks to the documentary film “The Impact,” it has now become clear that, in fact, the early Christians were actively fought against by followers of anti-cultism, which existed long before Christianity. At that time, there were prototypes of modern anti-cult laws and even specific deprogramming methods.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IOANNIS DAVISII
GEORGIUS HENRICUS MOSER.
FRIDERICUS CREUZER.
FRANCOFURTI AD MOENUM

Marcus Tullius Cicero, in his philosophical “Treatise on the Laws,”[1] Book II, Chapter 8, stated:

“Let there be no special gods for anyone: neither new nor foreign gods, except those recognized by the state.”

Plato, for his part, suggested establishing a prison called “Sophronisterion” (which translates to “the house where they bring to reason”) for people who refused to worship the state gods.

Plato, Laws, Book X

- *908A Now although imprisonment is to be imposed in every case, there are to be three prisons in the city; a common one in the area of the market place, for most offenders, a secure location for the majority of cases; another, close to the meeting place of the nocturnal council, is called the house of sound-mindedness; and a third, in the middle of the country, in the wildest, most isolated place imaginable, whose very name speaks of punishment.*
  – Plato, Laws, Book X[2]

- *908c-d: Others, as well as believing that the universe is devoid of gods, are afflicted with a lack of control over pleasures and pains, but are endowed with powerful memories and keen understanding. Now although they both suffer, in common, from a lack of belief in the gods, one would do less damage to people in general and the other more, for he would be completely outspoken about gods, sacrifices and oaths and so, by ridiculing others, he would probably make others like himself, unless he meets with justice.*

- *908e: There would be many forms 908E of these, two of which require laws to be enacted. The hypocritical form, falls into an error that deserves not one death but two, while the other deserves admonition and imprisonment. In like manner the belief that the gods do not care about us, gives rise to two different kinds of impiety, and the belief that they can be placated to another two. Once these*

distinctions have been made in this way, those who have acted out of ignorance, without having an evil disposition or character, are to be placed by the judge, as the law decrees, in the house of sound-mindedness for at least five years.

- *909A: During this time none of the other citizens may associate with them, except members of the nocturnal council who shall visit them for the purposes of admonition and the salvation of their souls. When their term of imprisonment has run its course, any who are deemed to be sound-minded again may dwell among the sound-minded; but if not, and he is convicted once more of such a crime, let the penalty be death. But there are those who, in addition.*

- *909B: to their lack of belief in the gods, or their belief that they do not care for us, or can be appeased, have become like wild animals, and who, out of contempt for their fellow men, beguile the souls of many of the living, and claim to beguile the souls of the dead too, and promise to persuade the gods by enchanting them with sacrifices, prayers and hymns, and attempt, for the sake of money, to utterly ruin individuals, entire households and cities. Of these people, whoever is found guilty is to be sentenced by the court to imprisonment in the central prison, according to the law, where no free man shall ever visit them and they shall receive a food ration from the attendants as decreed by the guardians of the laws. When one of them dies, he is to be*

cast out beyond the borders, unburied. If some free citizen helps to bury him, anyone who wishes is allowed to prosecute him for impiety.

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critique ou d'érudition qui ne les intéressent gueres. J'ai tâché néanmoins de ne rien omettre, qui pût servir à l'intelligence du texte.
LOIX
DE
PLATON.
INTERLOCUTEURS.
Un Etranger Athénien (1); Clinias, Crétois; Mégille, Lacédémonien.
LIVRE PREMIER.
L'ATHÉNIEN. Etrangers, quel eſt celui qui paſſe chez vous pour le premier auteur de vos loix? Eſt-ce un Dieu? eſt-ce un homme?
(1) Cicéron, au premier livre de ſes loix, dit que l'Etranger Athénien eſt Platon lui-même. Cet ouvrage eſt le ſeul où il parle, & par modeſtie il ne le nomme pas.
Tome I. A
LOIX

The Laws (Greek: Νόμοι, Nómoi; Latin: De Legibus) is Plato's last and longest dialogue

Imprisoning a person in the Sophronisterion, the "house where they bring to reason," isolating them from people for years, allowing only members of the Night Assembly to conduct special conversations "for their salvation", and ultimately punishing them with death if they refuse to change their views

—today, these actions are known as the process of forced deprogramming. For more details on the activities of modern deprogrammers, see the documentary "The IMPACT."

Let me reiterate several facts from Plato's aforementioned laws using contemporary anti-cult terminology. In the event of death, prisoners of conscience could not receive proper burial, unlike citizens who had the status of a person. Free people could not contact prisoners; only slaves were allowed to do so. A slave was not considered a person in the understanding of society and did not have the rights of a free person. Such methods allowed anti-cultists of that time to push the unwanted out of the social space, implementing a method of dehumanization that continues successfully today. The method of dehumanization is explored in more detail in the documentary "The IMPACT."

Plato, Laws, Book X

909d: Besides all this, another general law must be established. Prohibiting unauthorized religious services would compel many to commit fewer offenses against the gods both in word and deed and become more reasonable. Simply put, this law should apply to everyone: let no one erect shrines in private homes. If anyone intends to offer a sacrifice, let them go to public temples, and there make their offering, handing over

their sacrifice to the priests or priestesses.

In the Christian era, followers of anti-cultism employed their methods of dehumanization against Christians as well.

"To those who question the existence of the gods and appear to doubt it, one should not respond as to humans, but pursue them as wild beasts" (Julian, Against Heraclius, 20).

Let's compare this historical example with the stance of contemporary anti-cultists in Russia, who position themselves as Orthodox Christians; moreover, some of them are clergy of the Russian Orthodox Church:

"One should never engage in polemics with sectarians... any polemics with them are completely impossible, categorically. Because these are people incapable, as the previous speaker testified, and the one before him as well, that this part of their thinking simply does not exist, it is destroyed. Therefore, what is needed here is just a real and relentless struggle within the framework of the criminal code."

— From the transcript of a speech by Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov at the international conference "Totalitarian Sects — A Threat of the 21st Century," organized by Alexander Dvorkin,

April 23-25, 2001. Published in the *Independent Psychiatric Journal*, No. 3, p. 57.

Source[3]

"Sectarians do not just lie to themselves and others; they cease to perceive any opinion different from what the sect has indoctrinated in them. Therefore, simply talking, persuading, and proving things to them is a futile and thankless task. And today, during the SMO [Special Military Operation], we must remember that the war is not for territories but for souls. And in one form or another, it will continue until the activity of the Sect ceases."

— from the article "Totalitarian Sect – Ukraine" [October 1, 2023], published on the website of the Missionary Department of the Novosibirsk Diocese, headed by the Vice-President of the Russian Association of Centers for the Study of Religions and Sects, Archpriest Alexander Novopashin. The article's author is Tatyana Statsenko, a member of the Union of Journalists of Russia.

Source[4]

Can people who act like the persecutors of the first Christians and those who crucified the Son of God rightfully call

themselves Christians? Can those who violate the commandments of Jesus Christ claim to be His followers?

The Bible, New Testament, 1 John 4:7-8:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Following the example of their Savior, those first Christians upheld the freedom of religion, the right of each person to decide what and whom to believe. Similar historical references are found in the writings of one of the most notable early Christian authors, Tertullian, in "To Scapula," Chapter 2 (2nd – 3rd century AD):

"... it is a fundamental human right, a privilege of nature, that every man should worship according to his own convictions: one man's religion neither harms nor helps another man. It is assuredly no part of worship (religion) to compel religion—to which free will and not force should lead us—the sacrificial victims even being required of a willing mind."

Source[5]

Followers of Jesus Christ were among the first to champion freedom of conscience, justice, and the necessity of separating

state power from religion. The primary example remains the words of Christ Himself.

In Matthew 22:21, Jesus said:

"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

By saying this, Jesus Christ established a clear division between governmental and religious life.

The harmful intertwining of power and religion is particularly evident in the history of Christianity itself. In 313 AD, the so-called Edict of Milan, or the Edict of Religious Tolerance, was enacted, legalizing Christianity within the Roman Empire. In 325 AD, the First Council of Nicaea, convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, affirmed Nicene Christianity as the state religion of the Roman Empire. Just 60 years after the union of Christianity with the power of the Roman Empire, the first execution of a heretic occurred in 385 AD.

Despite these and similar events, Christianity has, in essence, remained a peaceful religion over the millennia. It has preserved the continuity of practicing core Christian virtues and following the teachings of Christ as presented in the New Testament. This adherence has attracted many followers,

making Christianity the largest religion in the world today, with 2.4 billion believers.

From the perspective of social life, Christianity has played a vital role in reconciling individuals with one another. In terms of personal faith, it has facilitated reconciliation between individuals and God, providing a sense of purpose and guiding them on a path of peace and piety. This was the case until recently.

The Nazi Legacy of Anti-Cult Organizations: Connections with Hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Late 20th and Early 21st Centuries

After the Great Schism in 1054, which split Christianity into the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, the history of the Roman Catholic Church was marked by events such as the Crusades, the activities of the Inquisition, and the burning of heretics. In contrast, the Orthodox Church largely maintained a peaceful, non-violent stance.

During the 20th century, while Protestant and Catholic churches supported Hitler and significantly contributed to the rise and development of Nazi ideology, Orthodoxy continued to uphold principles of peace and non-violence. The Orthodox Church itself suffered from numerous persecutions, arrests,

tortures, and executions at the hands of the Bolsheviks during their rise to power and later during World War II by the Nazis.

However, everything quickly changed at the end of the 20th century. The followers of Christian persecutors and direct adherents of Nazi ideology began to embed themselves within the Orthodox Church. Gradually, they shifted the Church's focus, altering its ideology and the foundations of Christian service.

Creators of the Third Reich and the Connection with Alexander Dvorkin

Today, the anti-cult movement in Russia is led by Alexander Leonidovich Dvorkin. Many know him as a crusader against sects, a historian, and a theologian. However, what remains largely unspoken is Dvorkin's direct connection with European anti-cultists Wilhelm Haack and Johannes Aagaard, who are themselves direct followers of the Nazi legacy of Walter Künneth.

- For a detailed account with dates, historical events, names, documents, and other factual materials, refer to the documentary "Impact." This article provides a brief summary to help readers understand the origins of the destructive anti-cult influence on Orthodoxy and Russia as a whole.

At the core of the Third Reich was an the Apologetics Center established within the Evangelical Church in 1921, which served as a prototype for modern anti-cult organizations. In 1932, Pastor Walter Künneth became the head of the Apologetic Center. During his tenure, the anti-cult struggle against non-Christian movements intensified, with lectures being held and articles being published. The apologetic center, under Künneth's leadership, directly influenced the Gestapo ("Geheime Staatspolizei" – Secret State Police) and collaborated with Adolf Hitler and Joseph Goebbels. The center continuously expanded existing lists of sects and created new ones, targeting any groups they deemed dangerous. The center, led by Künneth, produced numerous defamatory pseudo-expert reports.

Nazism was revived again after World War II by the efforts of the same anti-cultists. In 1964, the same Evangelical Church in Germany officially reinstated the church office of Commissioner for Sects and Faith Issues of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Bavaria. It appointed Pastor Friedrich Wilhelm Haack, who studied Protestant theology in Bavaria at the University of Nuremberg, while Walter Künneth was a professor of Protestant theology there.

In 1973, Wilhelm Haack helped anti-cultist Johannes Aagaard establish the anti-cult organization "Dialogue Center."

Branches of this “Dialogue Center” were established in various countries, including Russia and Germany. In Russia, the “Dialogue Center” vice-president became Alexander Dvorkin, a favorite student of both Aagaard and Haack.

In 1993, with the blessing of then-Patriarch Alexy II of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), the prototype of the “Dialogue Center” was established in Russia: the Information and Consultation Center named after the Holy Martyr Irenaeus of Lyon. Alexander Dvorkin has been its president to this day. The Irenaeus Center completely models itself after the Nazi apologetic center created by Walter Künneth. Subsequently, the Russian Association of Centers for the Study of Religions and Sects (RACIRS) was formed, with Alexander Leonidovich Dvorkin as its president and Archpriest Alexander Novopashin of the ROC as its vice president. RACIRS includes anti-cult centers operating in various cities across Russia, often involving many clergymen of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The official position of these anti-cult centers is to protect the civilian population from the destructive influence of totalitarian sects. In reality, the situation is quite different.

One of the many examples demonstrating the real goals of anti-cult organizations can be found in the recorded excerpts from a speech by Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov at the

international conference “Totalitarian Sects — A Threat of the 21st Century,” held in 2001 and organized by Alexander Dvorkin. These excerpts were included in the Independent Psychiatric Journal No. 3, 2001.

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But first, let’s consider the official side, as published in the conference press release “Totalitarian Sects—A Threat of the 21st Century.”

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Пресс-релиз 26 апреля 2001 г.

В НИЖНЕМ НОВГОРОДЕ СОСТОЯЛАСЬ МЕЖДУНАРОДНАЯ КОНФЕРЕНЦИЯ "ТОТАЛИТАРНЫЕ СЕКТЫ - УГРОЗА XXI ВЕКА"
(информация и итоговый документ)

23-25 апреля 2001 года в Православном просветительском центре во имя святителя Николая в Н.Новгороде проходила международная конференция "Тоталитарные секты - угроза 21 века".

Press release. April 26, 2001

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "TOTALITARIAN SECTS:
THREAT OF THE 21st CENTURY" TOOK PLACE IN NIZHNY NOVGOROD
(information and final document)

On April 23-25, 2001, an international conference “Totalitarian Sects: Threat of the 21st Century” took place at the Orthodox Christian Educational Center in the name of St. Nicholas in Nizhny Novgorod.

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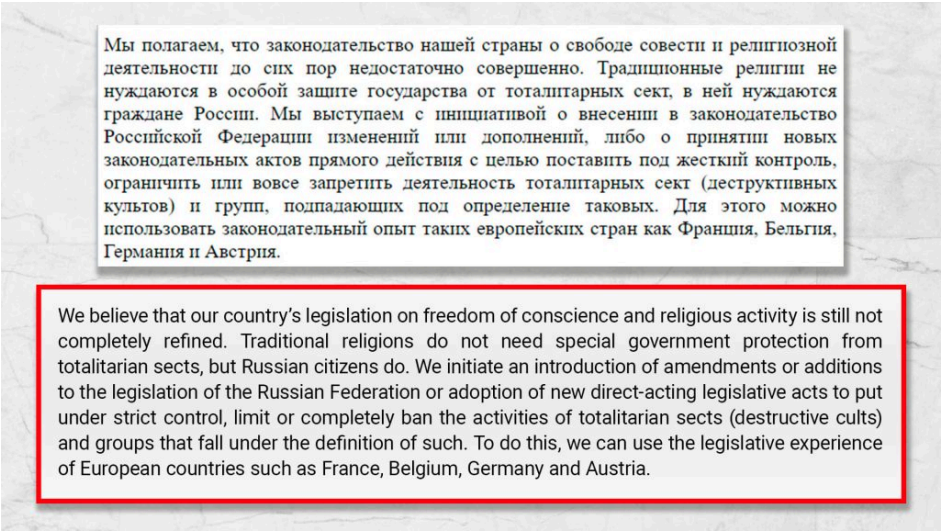

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According to the press release, the goal of this conference is to protect Russian citizens and "to introduce changes or additions to Russian legislation or to adopt new legislative acts aimed at putting strict control over, limiting, or even prohibiting the activities of totalitarian sects and groups that fall under such a definition". The ostensibly noble goals described in the press release turned out to be drastically different from the speeches at the conference itself.

Excerpts from the conference "Totalitarian Sects — A Threat of the 21st Century," published in the Independent Psychiatric Journal on pages 57-58. Transcript of the speech by Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov.

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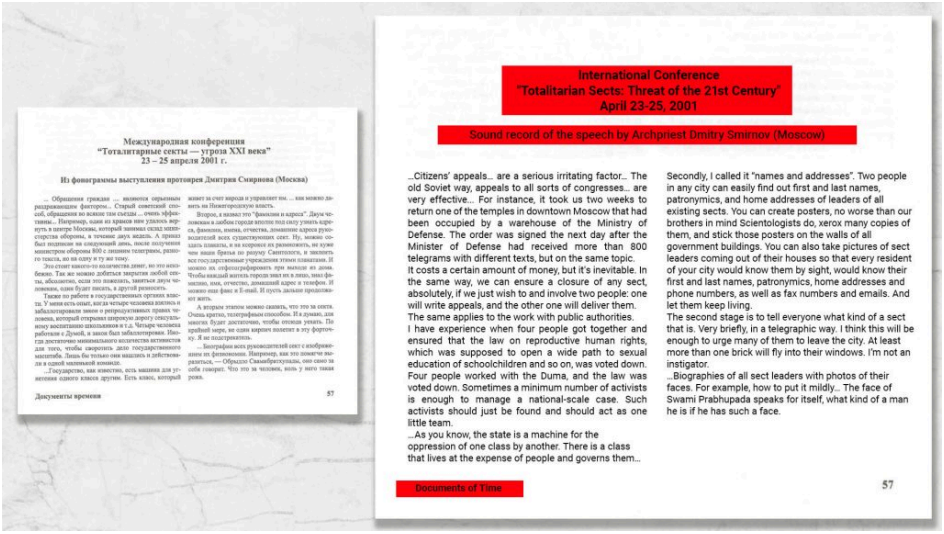

Международная конференция
"Тоталитарные секты — угроза XXI века"
23 – 25 апреля 2001 г.

Из фонограммы выступления протоиерея Дмитрия Смирнова (Москва)

... Обращения граждан ... являются серьезным раздражающим фактором... Старый советский способ, обращаем во всякие там съезды ... очень эффективны... Например, один из храмов мне удалось вернуть в центре Москвы, который занимал склад минздравсоцразвития обороны, а точнее двух ведомств. А принял было подписи на следующий день, после получения министром обороны 800 с лишним телеграмм, разного текста, но по одну и ту же тему.

Это стоит какого-то количества денег, но это неизбежно. Так же можно добиться закрытия любой секты, абсолютно, если это понадобится, заметьте двум человекам, один будет писать, а другой разносить.

Также по работе в государственных органах власти. У меня есть опыт, когда четыре человека взялись и заблокировали закон о репродуктивных правах человека, который открывал широкую дорогу сексуальному воспитанию школьников и т.д. Четыре человека работали с Думой, и закон был заблокирован. Нашли достаточно минимального количества активистов для того, чтобы сворачивать дело государственного масштаба. Лишь бы только они нашлись и действовали в одной маленькой команде.

...Государство, как известно, есть машина для угнетения одного класса другим. Есть класс, который живет за счет народа и управляет им ... как можно дольше во Нижнегородскую власть.

Второе, я назвал это "фамилии и адреса". Двум человекам в любом городе вполне под силу узнать адреса, фамилии, имена, отчества, домашние адреса руководителей всех существующих сект. Ну, можно создать плакаты, и на корочках их размножить, не нужно чем наши братья по разуму Свидетелей, и закопать все государственные учреждения этими плакатами. И можно их сфотографировать при выходе из дома. Чтобы каждый житель города знал их в лицо, знал фамилию, имя, отчество, домашний адрес и телефон. И можно еще факс и E-mail. И пусть дальше продолжают жить.

А второе этапом можно сказать, что это за секта. Очень кратко, телеграфным способом. И я думаю, для этого будет достаточно, чтобы отошли уехать. По крайней мере, из одна кирпич полетит в эту фортецию. Я не подстрахуюсь.

...Биографии всех руководителей сект с изображениями из фотоальбомов. Например, как это поместе выглядится, — Обращая Свамибхрикупады, оно само за себя говорит. Что это за человек, коль у него такая рожа.

Документы времени

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International Conference
"Totalitarian Sects: Threat of the 21st Century"
April 23-25, 2001

Sound record of the speech by Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov (Moscow)

...Citizens' appeals... are a serious irritating factor... The old Soviet way, appeals to all sorts of congresses... are very effective... For instance, it took us two weeks to return one of the temples in downtown Moscow that had been occupied by a warehouse of the Ministry of Defense. The order was signed the next day after the Minister of Defense had received more than 800 telegrams with different texts, but on the same topic.

It costs a certain amount of money, but it's inevitable. In the same way, we can ensure a closure of any sect, absolutely, if we just wish to and involve two people: one will write appeals, and the other one will deliver them.

The same applies to the work with public authorities. I have experience when four people got together and ensured that the law on reproductive human rights, which was supposed to open a wide path to sexual education of schoolchildren and so on, was voted down. Four people worked with the Duma, and the law was voted down. Sometimes a minimum number of activists is enough to manage a national-scale case. Such activists should just be found and should act as one little team.

...As you know, the state is a machine for the oppression of one class by another. There is a class that lives at the expense of people and governs them...

Secondly, I called it "names and addresses". Two people in any city can easily find out first and last names, patronymics, and home addresses of leaders of all existing sects. You can create posters, no worse than our brothers in mind Scientologists do, xerox many copies of them, and stick those posters on the walls of all government buildings. You can also take pictures of sect leaders coming out of their houses so that every resident of your city would know them by sight, would know their first and last names, patronymics, home addresses and phone numbers, as well as fax numbers and emails. And let them keep living.

The second stage is to tell everyone what kind of a sect that is. Very briefly, in a telegraphic way. I think this will be enough to urge many of them to leave the city. At least more than one brick will fly into their windows. I'm not an instigator.

...Biographies of all sect leaders with photos of their faces. For example, how to put it mildly... The face of Swami Prabhupada speaks for itself, what kind of a man he is if he has such a face.

Documents of Time

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Screenshot from Independent Psychiatric Association of Russia website npar.ru, INDEPENDENT PSYCHIATRIC JOURNAL 'IPA HERALD', issue 3, 2001

After a preliminary reading of the press release, one expects to see facts, substantiations, objective and unbiased materials, and evidence in the conference itself that confirm the anti-cult rhetoric about the dangers of a particular organization branded as a sect. However, what you actually get is a detailed guide on countering any undesirable organizations with a blatant disregard for all fundamental democratic principles, the presumption of innocence, pluralism of opinions, and all human rights declared at the international level and in the Constitution of the Russian Federation. Even though foreign guests were also participants in the conference. Source[9]

Another excerpt from the press release of the conference, “Totalitarian Sects — A Threat of the 21st Century” with an incomplete list of participants and countries.

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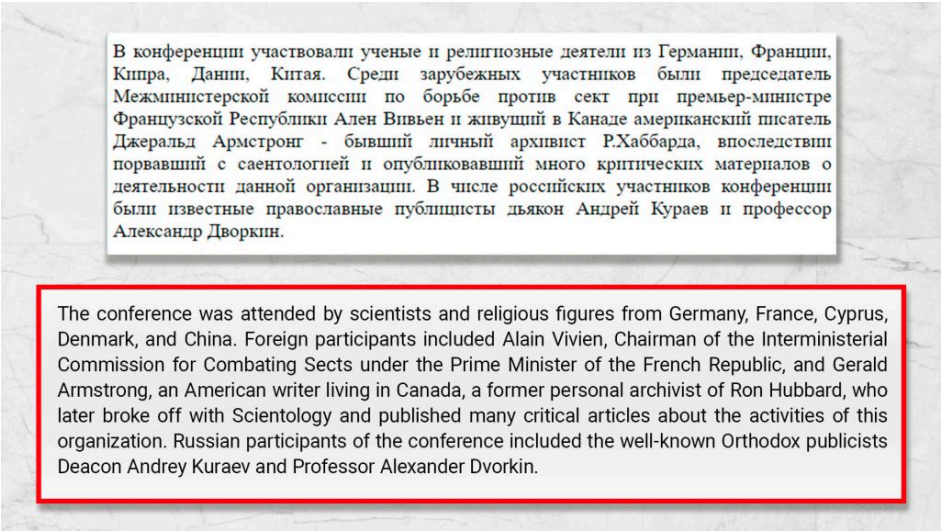
В конференции участвовали ученые и религиозные деятели из Германии, Франции, Кипра, Дании, Китая. Среди зарубежных участников были председатель Межминистерской комиссии по борьбе против сект при премьер-министре Французской Республики Ален Вивьен и живущий в Канаде американский писатель Джеральд Армстронг - бывший личный архивист Р.Хаббарда, впоследствии порвавший с саентологией и опубликовавший много критических материалов о деятельности данной организации. В числе российских участников конференции были известные православные публицисты дьякон Андрей Кураев и профессор Александр Дворкин.

The conference was attended by scientists and religious figures from Germany, France, Cyprus, Denmark, and China. Foreign participants included Alain Vivien, Chairman of the Interministerial Commission for Combating Sects under the Prime Minister of the French Republic, and Gerald Armstrong, an American writer living in Canada, a former personal archivist of Ron Hubbard, who later broke off with Scientology and published many critical articles about the activities of this organization. Russian participants of the conference included the well-known Orthodox publicists Deacon Andrey Kuraev and Professor Alexander Dvorkin.

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Nizhny Novgorod, April 23-25, 2001

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5. Заслуженный проф. **Йоханнес Огорд** — Королевский университет (Орхус, Дания).
6. **Джеральд Армстронг** — писатель, художник, бывший личный архивист Р.Л. Хаббарда (Виктория, Канада).
7. Архимандрит **Христофор Чакас** — духовник Всекипрского союза по защите семьи и личности (Кипр).

Prospective foreign speakers:

1. **Alain Vivien**, Chairman of the Interministerial Commission for Combating Sects under the Prime Minister of the French Republic (France).
2. **Hans Werner Karlhoff,** Chairman of the Interministerial Commission on Sects and Cults of the Federal Land of Baden-Württemberg (Germany).
3. **Thomas Gandow**, Commissioner of the Berlin-Brandenburg Lutheran Church on Sects and Worldviews (Germany).
4. **Dr. Rudyreg Haut**, Commissioner of the Westphalian Lutheran Church on Sects and Worldviews (Germany).
5. **Honored Professor Johannes Aagaard**, Royal University (Aarhus, Denmark).
6. **Gerald Armstrong**, writer, artist, former personal archivist of L.R. Hubbard (Victoria, Canada).
7. **Archimandrite Christopher Chakas**, confessor of the All-Cyprus Union for the Protection of Family and Personality (Cyprus).

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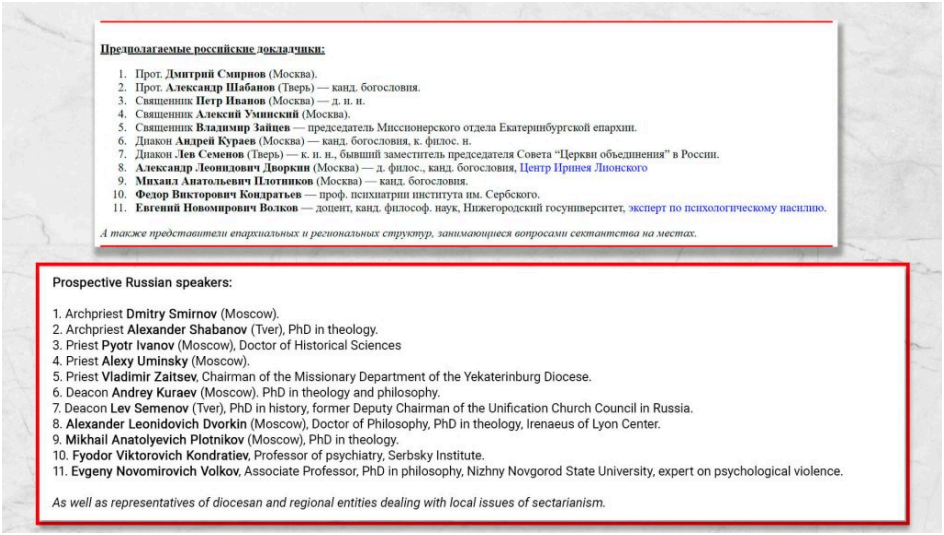

Предполагаемые российские докладчики:

1. Прот. **Дмитрий Смирнов** (Москва).
2. Прот. **Александр Шабанов** (Тверь) — канд. богословия.
3. Священник **Петр Иванов** (Москва) — д. и. н.
4. Священник **Алексий Уминский** (Москва).
5. Священник **Владимир Зайцев** — председатель Миссионерского отдела Екатеринбургской епархии.
6. Диакон **Андрей Кураев** (Москва) — канд. богословия, к. филос. н.
7. Диакон **Лев Семенов** (Тверь) — к. и. н., бывший заместитель председателя Совета "Церкви объединения" в России.
8. **Александр Леонидович Дворкин** (Москва) — д. филос., канд. богословия, Центр Иринея Лионского
9. **Михаил Анатольевич Плотников** (Москва) — канд. богословия.
10. **Федор Викторович Кондратьев** — проф. психиатрии института им. Сербского.
11. **Евгений Новомирович Волков** — доцент, канд. философ. наук, Нижегородский госуниверситет, эксперт по психологическому насилию.

А также представители епархиальных и региональных структур, занимающиеся вопросами сектантства на местах.

Prospective Russian speakers:

1. Archpriest **Dmitry Smirnov** (Moscow).
2. Archpriest **Alexander Shabanov** (Tver), PhD in theology.
3. Priest **Pyotr Ivanov** (Moscow), Doctor of Historical Sciences
4. Priest **Alexy Uminsky** (Moscow).
5. Priest **Vladimir Zaitsev**, Chairman of the Missionary Department of the Yekaterinburg Diocese.
6. Deacon **Andrey Kuraev** (Moscow), PhD in theology and philosophy.
7. Deacon **Lev Semenov** (Tver), PhD in history, former Deputy Chairman of the Unification Church Council in Russia.
8. **Alexander Leonidovich Dvorkin** (Moscow), Doctor of Philosophy, PhD in theology, Irenaeus of Lyon Center.
9. **Mikhail Anatolyevich Plotnikov** (Moscow), PhD in theology.
10. **Fyodor Viktorovich Kondratiev**, Professor of psychiatry, Serbsky Institute.
11. **Evgeny Novomirovich Volkov**, Associate Professor, PhD in philosophy, Nizhny Novgorod State University, expert on psychological violence.

As well as representatives of diocesan and regional entities dealing with local issues of sectarianism.

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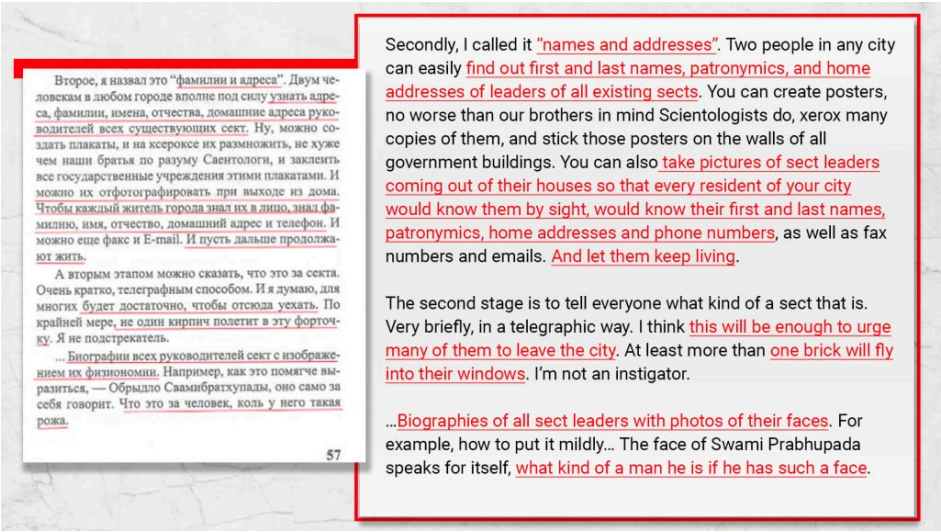
The speech by Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov of the Russian Orthodox Church at the anti-cult conference served as a clear

guide on how to use a few individuals to execute a matter of state significance, how to shut down undesirable organizations by first branding them, how to violate the rights of law-abiding citizens, and how to encroach upon their private lives, safety, and mental and physical health to achieve a result where “not a single brick will be thrown in their direction” (Example 1, p. 57). How have we reached a point where those who call themselves followers of Jesus Christ teach not love for one’s neighbor but how to destroy lives and ruin the fates of innocent people?



Второе, я назвал это “фамилии и адреса”. Двум человекам в любом городе вполне под силу узнать адреса, фамилии, имена, отчества, домашние адреса руководителей всех существующих сект. Ну, можно создать плакаты, и на ксероксе их размножить, не хуже чем наши братья по разуму Саентологи, и заклеить все государственные учреждения этими плакатами. И можно их отфотографировать при выходе из дома. Чтобы каждый житель города знал их в лицо, знал фамилию, имя, отчество, домашний адрес и телефон. И можно еще факс и E-mail. И пусть дальше продолжают жить.

А вторым этапом можно сказать, что это за секта. Очень кратко, телеграфным способом. И я думаю, для многих будет достаточно, чтобы отсюда уехать. По крайней мере, не один кирпич полетит в эту форточку. Я не подстрекатель.

... Биографии всех руководителей сект с изображением их физиономии. Например, как это помягче выразиться, — Обрыдло Свамибратхупады, оно само за себя говорит. Что это за человек, коль у него такая рожа.

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Secondly, I called it “names and addresses”. Two people in any city can easily find out first and last names, patronymics, and home addresses of leaders of all existing sects. You can create posters, no worse than our brothers in mind Scientologists do, xerox many copies of them, and stick those posters on the walls of all government buildings. You can also take pictures of sect leaders coming out of their houses so that every resident of your city would know them by sight, would know their first and last names, patronymics, home addresses and phone numbers, as well as fax numbers and emails. And let them keep living.

The second stage is to tell everyone what kind of a sect that is. Very briefly, in a telegraphic way. I think this will be enough to urge many of them to leave the city. At least more than one brick will fly into their windows. I’m not an instigator.

...Biographies of all sect leaders with photos of their faces. For example, how to put it mildly... The face of Swami Prabhupada speaks for itself, what kind of a man he is if he has such a face.

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Let us remember what Jesus Christ taught His followers:

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John

13:34)

"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" (Matthew 5:46)

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27)

Another anti-cultist goal is evident in the remark, "for many, it will be enough to leave." This implies the creation of unbearable living conditions, instigation, and the creation of societal tension, psychological and informational terror, and incitement of hatred, all aimed at forcing members of undesirable organizations to move to another city or even another country. I am not afraid to repeat the question posed earlier: what do those who call themselves the direct successors of the apostles, handed down from the first apostles, the disciples of Jesus Christ, teach?

"By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?" (Matthew 5:46)

Similarly, the modern anti-cultists act just like the persecutors of the early Christians and the anti-cultists of the pre-

Christian era: criminals extremely harmful to the state were either executed or exiled under the pretext of purifying the state

Plato, Laws, Book V

735d: Regarding the purification of the state, the matter is as follows: there are many types of purification; some are easier, others more burdensome. The burdensome and best methods could only be established by someone who is both a tyrant and a legislator. A legislator without tyrannical power, when establishing a new state order and laws, must be satisfied with the gentlest methods of purification. The best method is as painful as when one takes such kinds of medicines.

735e: In this method, justice entails fair retribution; retribution ends in death or exile. This is how they usually deal with the greatest, and moreover, incurable criminals who are extremely harmful to the state. Our milder method of purification is as follows: if the impoverished, following their leaders, show a tendency to rise against the wealthy due to a lack of education, this will become a disease that has infiltrated the state.

736: Therefore, they must be sent away, doing so, however, in the most friendly manner and softening their removal by

calling it "resettlement." In any case, every legislator must do this immediately.

Below is the second page of excerpts from the conference (in the journal, p. 58):

Dmitry Smirnov

You can publish a list of totalitarian sects in the cheapest newspapers as an advertisement, or you can collect money from parishioners little by little and show such a list on TV as a news ticker, and the list should include sect leaders and their addresses so that people know them... Don't use the name "totalitarian sect", but you can think of something else... say, a destructive cult. And you should never enter into a polemic with sectarians.

... They don't actually write that they're Jehovists, Jehovah's Witnesses. No, they take a Christian church and keep lying, so any polemic with them is absolutely and totally impossible because those people are incapable. As the previous speaker testified to us, and the one before him too, they simply lack this part of thinking, it has been destroyed. Therefore, we need a real and merciless fight within the framework of the Criminal Code.

... Professor Kondratiev said quite rightly that there is no such a fight, and the church is to blame for that.

.. Here's the thing. Thank God, we were born and raised in the empire, and, of course, every Russian person has a normal imperial consciousness.

Our small Russian Orthodox Church which has only 19,500 priests, compared to 350,000 before the revolution, who were mercilessly shot, starved, drowned, and so on, surely cannot fulfill the function that the empire assigned to it before the revolution.

...It is necessary to establish a youth organization in every parish.

...I run nine parishes....

...Now we have 2,000,000 registered drug dealers alone.

...So, we can establish such organizations where there will be sports, where there will be some intrigue, from where we would send those young guys as scouts to sects to find out addresses, names and photographs, so that they create their own entities there, and thus we would blow up those sects from the inside. I certainly say "blow up" in a figurative sense. God forbid there were human victims! Do you understand? It will be a very interesting practical lesson for the guys, and it will be a prevention.

...In our North Moscow District where most of my churches are located, a trial has been going on against Jehovah's Witnesses, and only our parish gave money to hire the lawyer and sent guys there to occupy the courtroom, otherwise all seats would be occupied by Jehovists.

...From time to time, some attacks arise. So far, you won't find any positive material about the church in any Russian or foreign newspaper except the church newspapers. If you compare the current press with the press of 1917, 1918 or 1920, it will seem to you that articles have been written by one author.

...the press exists in order to prepare public opinion. For instance, no one has written that we are the only country in the world over the entire two thousand years of Christianity that has restored half of the monasteries of the whole Russian Empire, namely 556, within just ten years. Or that a lot of girls and boys emerged who wanted to become monks. Even though 90% of them didn't succeed, one in ten remained.

...Huge valuables are exported for green pieces of paper. So, if each of us doesn't realize... because we are used to the fact that Russia is big, Russia is powerful, Russia is great, that we have a lot of nuclear buttons, that we can actually destroy the world; yes, it is basically possible. However, now we don't have people who have the courage to push those buttons. People are spiritually petty. There are no people who would venture to do that. They can only say that yes, we can dictate, we can call the tune.

...Our birth rate is terrible, millions of children are killed every year. We need to at least save those who have already been born from degradation. We mustn't give them to drug addicts, we mustn't give them to sectarians, we mustn't give them to the mercy of some kind of valeology, sexual education and debauchery because it is now being introduced through the Ministry of Education.

...Elections in Nizhny Novgorod are coming soon. Every deputy has to understand... if his program doesn't contain the words "fight against totalitarian sects", he won't be elected... We hired them, you know. They are our servants.

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Although it was only 2001 and anti-cult organizations were at the beginning of their journey, their global goals and methods of achieving these goals were already clearly visible.

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imperial consciousness."

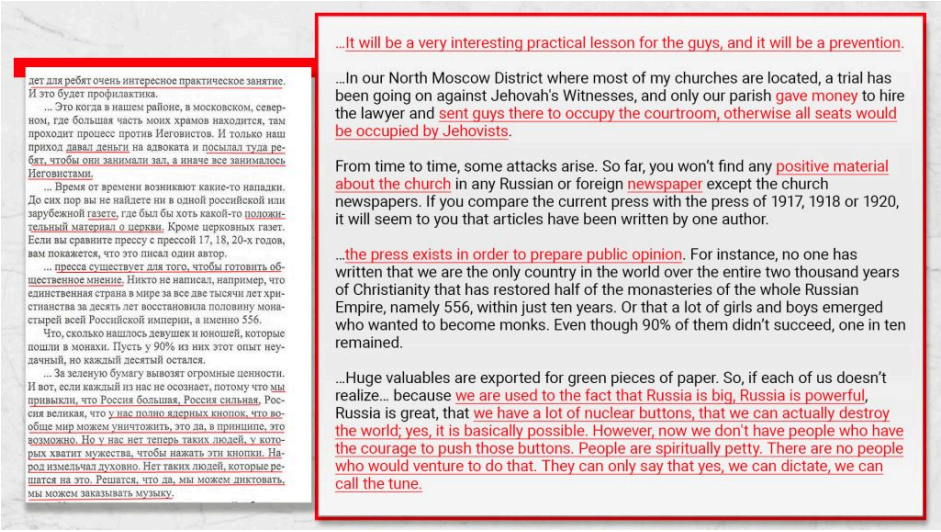
Imperial consciousness equals a slave mentality, which is easier to control. Anti-cult organizations found it convenient to start their destructive activities by reviving and expanding Nazism, gradually increasing their sphere of influence. As a result, more than twenty years later, anti-cultists have deeply rooted themselves not only in the ROC but also in the government, the media, and the security forces and continue to implement their plans on a larger scale.

Anti-cultists have been able to provoke a war between two countries, resulting in the deaths of millions of innocent people. The war in Ukraine, its preparation, and the informational impact and manipulations of the anti-cultists are more thoroughly discussed in the documentary "Impact."

An excerpt on the greatness of Russia and the nuclear button makes a final point in this example. The words of the clergyman are blatant manipulation, playing on patriotism and spirituality, replacing true Christian values and norms of human morality:

"We are used to Russia being big, Russia being strong, Russia being great, that we have plenty of nuclear buttons, that we can destroy the world. Yes, in principle, this is possible. But

now, we don't have people who have the courage to press these buttons. The people have become spiritually shallow. There are no people who would dare to do it. To decide that yes, we can dictate, we can call the shots."



лет для ребят очень интересное практическое занятие. И это будет профилактика.

... Это когда в нашем районе, в московском, северном, где большая часть моих храмов находится, там проходит процесс против Иеговистов. И только наш приход давал деньги на адвоката и посылал туда ребят, чтобы они занимали зал, а иначе все занималось Иеговистами.

... Время от времени возникают какие-то нападки. До сих пор вы не найдете ни в одной российской или зарубежной газете, где был бы хоть какой-то положительный материал о церкви. Кроме церковных газет. Если вы сравните прессу с прессой 17, 18, 20-х годов, вам покажется, что это писал один автор.

... пресса существует для того, чтобы готовить общественное мнение. Никто не написал, например, что единственная страна в мире за все две тысячи лет христианства за десять лет восстановила половину монастырей всей Российской империи, а именно 556.

Что, сколько нашлось девушек и юношей, которые пошли в монахи. Пусть у 90% из них этот опыт неудачный, но каждый десятый остался.

... За зеленую бумагу вывозят огромные ценности. И вот, если каждый из нас не осознает, потому что мы привыкли, что Россия большая, Россия сильная, Россия великая, что у нас полно ядерных кнопок, что вообще мир можем уничтожить, это да, в принципе, это возможно. Но у нас нет теперь таких людей, у которых хватит мужества, чтобы нажать эти кнопки. Народ измельчал духовно. Нет таких людей, которые решатся на это. Решатся, что да, мы можем диктовать, мы можем заказывать музыку.

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Comments here are unnecessary. Let us recall the teachings of the Son of God:

"These things I command you, that you love one another." (John 15:17)

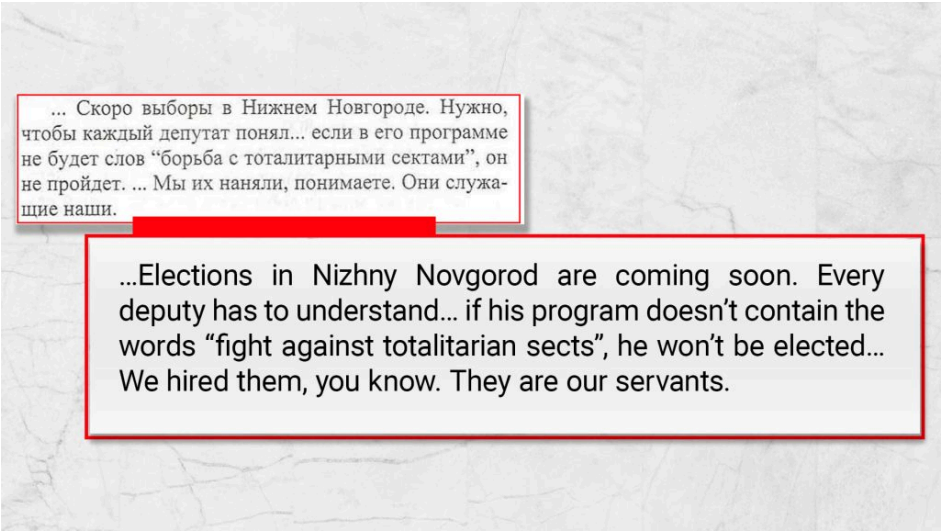
"Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness." (1 John 2:9)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)

Over the past 30 years, there has been an increase in church and para-church activities in Russia and neighboring countries aimed at combating sects, inciting inter-religious hatred, and promoting imperialist agendas supported by Old Testament ethics. As evidenced by the speech at the conference “Totalitarian Sects — A Threat of the 21st Century,” there is a deliberate destruction of Christian values, the fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ, the integrity of Orthodoxy, and the fabric of Russia itself. What remains is the facade of the Russian Orthodox Church but with a radically opposite ideology.

Participants of the International Conference “Totalitarian Sects and the Democratic State”

Anti-cultists do not stop at informational propaganda and shaping public opinion; they also directly influence politicians and law enforcement agencies, disrupt events organized by Russian citizens labeled as “sectarians,” engage in slander, defamation, and sometimes outright blackmail.


... Скоро выборы в Нижнем Новгороде. Нужно, чтобы каждый депутат понял... если в его программе не будет слов “борьба с тоталитарными сектами”, он не пройдет. ... Мы их наняли, понимаете. Они служащие наши.
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From all the above, one question arises: what has the ROC become today, and what have anti-cultists done to Orthodoxy?

Suppose you think that judging based on one conference is not enough. In that case, we present to you the 2012 publication

“Legal Aspects of Countering Totalitarian Sects — 26.03.12” on the website of the Center for Religious Studies in the name of Hieromartyr Irenaeus of Lyon, whose president is Alexander Dvorkin (this center was mentioned earlier in the article).

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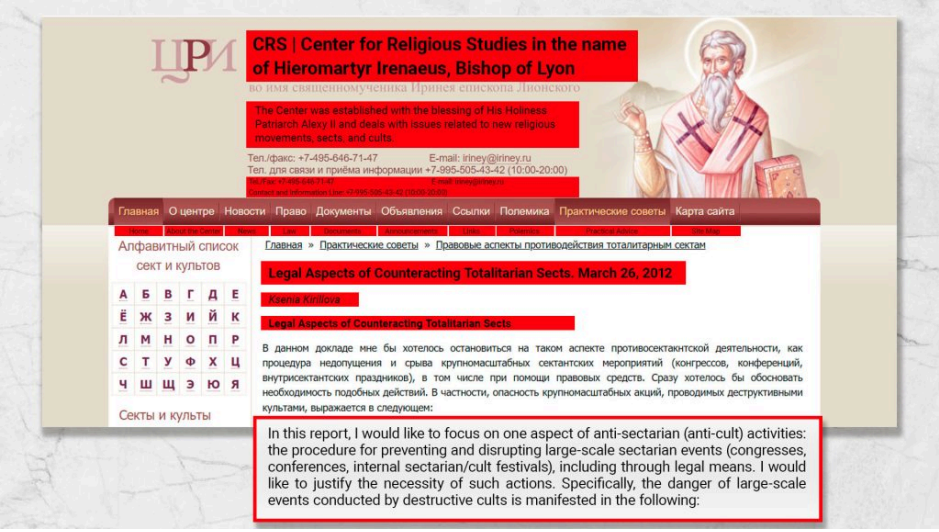

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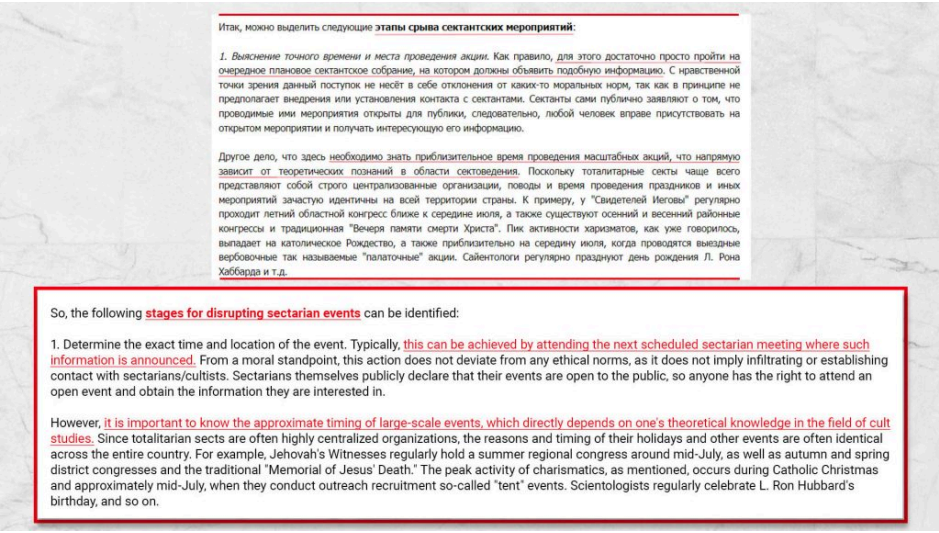

Итак, можно выделить следующие **этапы срыва сектантских мероприятий**:

1. Выяснение точного времени и места проведения акции. Как правило, для этого достаточно просто пройти на очередное плановое сектантское собрание, на котором должны объявить подобную информацию. С нравственной точки зрения данный поступок не несёт в себе отклонения от каких-то моральных норм, так как в принципе не предполагает внедрения или установления контакта с сектантами. Сектанты сами публично заявляют о том, что проводимые ими мероприятия открыты для публики, следовательно, любой человек вправе присутствовать на открытом мероприятии и получать интересующую его информацию.

Другое дело, что здесь необходимо знать приблизительное время проведения масштабных акций, что напрямую зависит от теоретических познаний в области сектоведения. Поскольку тоталитарные секты чаще всего представляют собой строго централизованные организации, поводы и время проведения праздников и иных мероприятий зачастую идентичны на всей территории страны. К примеру, у "Свидетелей Иеговы" регулярно проходит летний областной конгресс ближе к середине июля, а также существуют осенний и весенний районные конгрессы и традиционная "Вечеря памяти смерти Христа". Пик активности харизматов, как уже говорилось, выпадает на католическое Рождество, а также приблизительно на середину июля, когда проводятся выездные вербовочные так называемые "палаточные" акции. Сайентологи регулярно празднуют день рождения Л. Рона Хаббарда и т.д.

So, the following **stages for disrupting sectarian events** can be identified:

1. Determine the exact time and location of the event. Typically, this can be achieved by attending the next scheduled sectarian meeting where such information is announced. From a moral standpoint, this action does not deviate from any ethical norms, as it does not imply infiltrating or establishing contact with sectarians/cultists. Sectarians themselves publicly declare that their events are open to the public, so anyone has the right to attend an open event and obtain the information they are interested in.

However, it is important to know the approximate timing of large-scale events, which directly depends on one's theoretical knowledge in the field of cult studies. Since totalitarian sects are often highly centralized organizations, the reasons and timing of their holidays and other events are often identical across the entire country. For example, Jehovah's Witnesses regularly hold a summer regional congress around mid-July, as well as autumn and spring district congresses and the traditional "Memorial of Jesus' Death." The peak activity of charismatics, as mentioned, occurs during Catholic Christmas and approximately mid-July, when they conduct outreach recruitment so-called "tent" events. Scientologists regularly celebrate L. Ron Hubbard's birthday, and so on.

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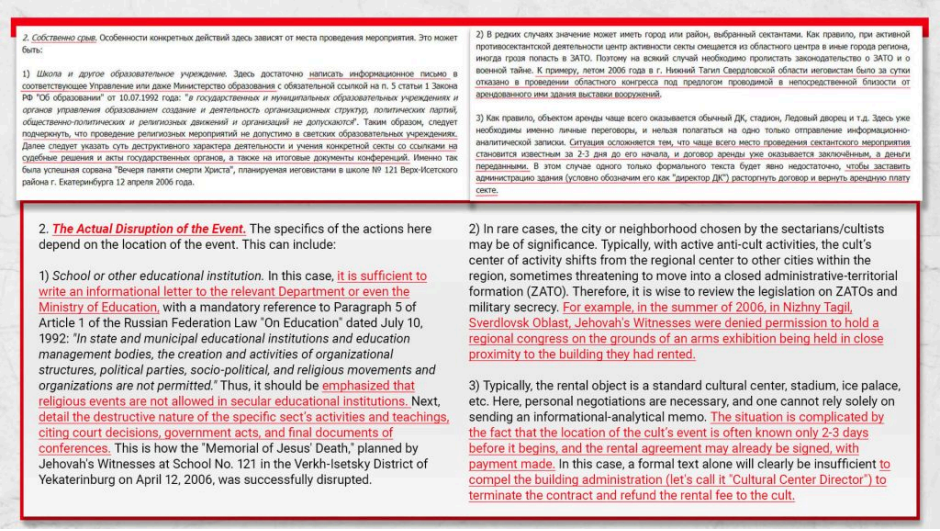
"*...it is enough to simply attend the next scheduled sectarian meeting where such information should be announced.*"

This publication's information essentially confirms Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov's words, spoken 11 years earlier but now in practice. The new generation, raised in youth church organizations, has grown up; the informational processing of the imperial consciousness is complete; the replacement of Christian values has been achieved. Now, a practical action guide has become relevant for new anti-cult fighters.

From the 2001 transcript of Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov (the complete example is given in the article above):

"*It is necessary to create a youth organization in each parish.*"

"*...creating organizations where there will be sports, where there will be some intrigue, where these guys can be sent as scouts into sects to find out addresses, names, photos, so they can create their own structures inside, and blow these sects up from within.*"



2. *Собственно сам.* Особенности конкретных действий здесь зависят от места проведения мероприятия. Это может быть:

1) *Школа и другое образовательное учреждение.* Здесь достаточно написать информационное письмо в соответствующее Управление или даже Министерство образования с обязательной ссылкой на п. 5 статьи 1 Закона РФ "Об образовании" от 10.07.1992 года: "*в государственных и муниципальных образовательных учреждениях и органах управления образованием создание и деятельность организационных структур, политических партий, общественно-политических и религиозных движений и организаций не допускаются*". Таким образом, следует подчеркнуть, что проведение религиозных мероприятий не допустимо в светских образовательных учреждениях. Далее следует указать суть деструктивного характера деятельности и учения конкретной секты со ссылками на судебные решения и акты государственные органов, а также на итоговые документы конференций. Именно так была успешная сорвана "Вечеря памяти смерти Христа", планируемая иеговистами в школе № 121 Верх-Исетского района г. Екатеринбурга 12 апреля 2006 года.

2) В редких случаях значение может иметь город или район, выбранный сектантами. Как правило, при активной противосектантской деятельности центр активности секты смещается из областного центра в иные города региона, иногда грозя попасть в ЗАТО. Поэтому на всякий случай необходимо пролистать законодательство о ЗАТО и о военной тайне. К примеру, летом 2006 года в г. Нижний Тагил Свердловской области иеговистам было за сутки отказано в проведении областного конгресса под предлогом проводимой в непосредственной близости от арендованного ими здания выставки вооружений.

3) Как правило, объектом аренды чаще всего оказывается обычный ДК, стадион, Ледовый дворец и т.д. Здесь уже необходимы именно личные переговоры, и нельзя полагаться на одно только отправление информационно-аналитической записки. Ситуация осложняется тем, что чаще всего место проведения сектантского мероприятия становится известным за 2-3 дня до его начала, и договор аренды уже оказывается заключённым, а деньги переданными. В этом случае одного только формального текста будет явно недостаточно, чтобы заставить администрацию здания (условно обозначим его как "директор ДК") расторгнуть договор и вернуть арендную плату секте.

2. ***The Actual Disruption of the Event.*** The specifics of the actions here depend on the location of the event. This can include:

1) *School or other educational institution.* In this case, it is sufficient to write an informational letter to the relevant Department or even the Ministry of Education, with a mandatory reference to Paragraph 5 of Article 1 of the Russian Federation Law "On Education" dated July 10, 1992: "*In state and municipal educational institutions and education management bodies, the creation and activities of organizational structures, political parties, socio-political, and religious movements and organizations are not permitted.*" Thus, it should be emphasized that religious events are not allowed in secular educational institutions. Next, detail the destructive nature of the specific sect's activities and teachings, citing court decisions, government acts, and final documents of conferences. This is how the "Memorial of Jesus' Death," planned by Jehovah's Witnesses at School No. 121 in the Verkh-Isetsky District of Yekaterinburg on April 12, 2006, was successfully disrupted.

2) In rare cases, the city or neighborhood chosen by the sectarians/cultists may be of significance. Typically, with active anti-cult activities, the cult's center of activity shifts from the regional center to other cities within the region, sometimes threatening to move into a closed administrative-territorial formation (ZATO). Therefore, it is wise to review the legislation on ZATOs and military secrecy. For example, in the summer of 2006, in Nizhny Tagil, Sverdlovsk Oblast, Jehovah's Witnesses were denied permission to hold a regional congress on the grounds of an arms exhibition being held in close proximity to the building they had rented.

3) Typically, the rental object is a standard cultural center, stadium, ice palace, etc. Here, personal negotiations are necessary, and one cannot rely solely on sending an informational-analytical memo. The situation is complicated by the fact that the location of the cult's event is often known only 2-3 days before it begins, and the rental agreement may already be signed, with payment made. In this case, a formal text alone will clearly be insufficient to compel the building administration (let's call it "Cultural Center Director") to terminate the contract and refund the rental fee to the cult.

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"*...to force the building administration...*" — *that is, not to "convince," not to "explain," not to "argue," but precisely to "force.*" Who are the anti-cultists if they believe they have the right to dictate to anyone? Or, to put it another way, who stands behind them?

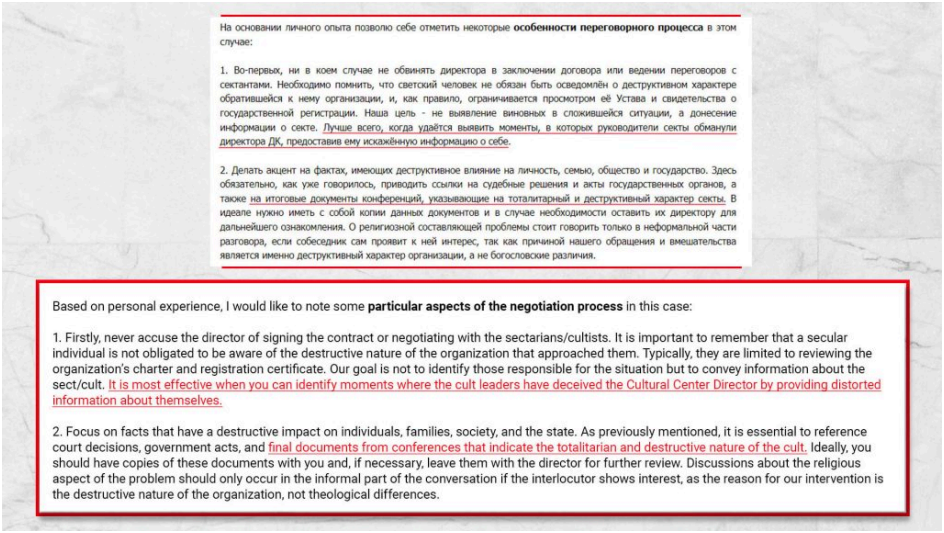
I would like to highlight another excerpt from the above passage:

"*Next, the destructive nature of the activities and teachings of a particular sect should be indicated, with references to court decisions and acts of state bodies, as well as to the final documents of conferences.*" Today, court decisions regarding various organizations are based on religious studies expertise.

In Russia, religious studies expertise is carried out by the Expert Council for Conducting State Religious Studies Expertise under the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation. Since 2009, this Expert Council has been headed by Alexander Dvorkin, the chief anti-cultist of Russia. The composition of the Expert Council has also been filled with anti-cult representatives since 2009, some of whom are direct members of RACIRS.

In addition to religious studies expertise, court decisions rely on corresponding thematic literature. In Russia, such literature includes the works of Alexander Dvorkin and his associates, which use terms like "totalitarian sects" and "destructive cults." The expert opinions of professional religious scholars, who are genuinely competent in the matter of New Religious Movements but do not align with the unified line of the ROC, are not considered. Similarly, the final documents of the

conferences are equally biased, as these conferences are attended by the same anti-cultists or their accomplices.



На основании личного опыта позволю себе отметить некоторые **особенности переговорного процесса** в этом случае:

1. Во-первых, ни в коем случае не обвинять директора в заключении договора или ведении переговоров с сектантами. Необходимо помнить, что светский человек не обязан быть осведомлён о деструктивном характере обратившейся к нему организации, и, как правило, ограничивается просмотром её Устава и свидетельства о государственной регистрации. Наша цель - не выявление виновных в сложившейся ситуации, а донесение информации о секте. Лучше всего, когда удаётся выявить моменты, в которых руководители секты обманули директора ДК, предоставив ему искажённую информацию о себе.

2. Делать акцент на фактах, имеющих деструктивное влияние на личность, семью, общество и государство. Здесь обязательно, как уже говорилось, приводить ссылки на судебные решения и акты государственных органов, а также на итоговые документы конференций, указывающие на тоталитарный и деструктивный характер секты. В идеале нужно иметь с собой копии данных документов и в случае необходимости оставить их директору для дальнейшего ознакомления. О религиозной составляющей проблемы стоит говорить только в неформальной части разговора, если собеседник сам проявит к ней интерес, так как причиной нашего обращения и вмешательства является именно деструктивный характер организации, а не богословские различия.

Based on personal experience, I would like to note some **particular aspects of the negotiation process** in this case:

1. Firstly, never accuse the director of signing the contract or negotiating with the sectarians/cultists. It is important to remember that a secular individual is not obligated to be aware of the destructive nature of the organization that approached them. Typically, they are limited to reviewing the organization's charter and registration certificate. Our goal is not to identify those responsible for the situation but to convey information about the sect/cult. It is most effective when you can identify moments where the cult leaders have deceived the Cultural Center Director by providing distorted information about themselves.

2. Focus on facts that have a destructive impact on individuals, families, society, and the state. As previously mentioned, it is essential to reference court decisions, government acts, and final documents from conferences that indicate the totalitarian and destructive nature of the cult. Ideally, you should have copies of these documents with you and, if necessary, leave them with the director for further review. Discussions about the religious aspect of the problem should only occur in the informal part of the conversation if the interlocutor shows interest, as the reason for our intervention is the destructive nature of the organization, not theological differences.

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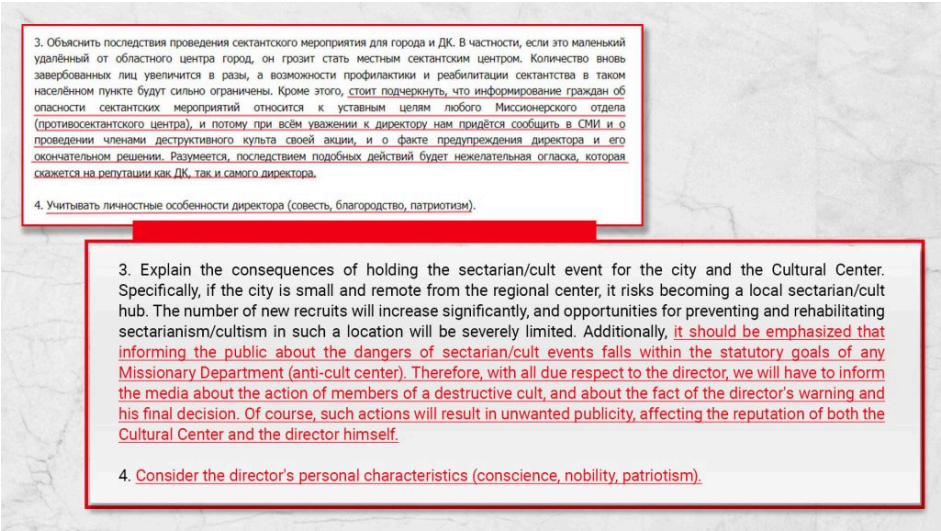
"*Better yet, when it is possible to identify instances where the leaders of the sect deceived the director of the cultural center by providing him with distorted information about themselves.*" — *Considering this remark and being aware of the public speeches of Alexander Dvorkin or Alexander Novopashin, it becomes clear that from the anti-cultists perspective, any information provided directly by the organizations they have branded will be deemed false and distorted. Regardless of the actual objective situation, anti-cult websites invariably attribute the same list of sins and crimes to all organizations included in their "lists of sects*."


3. Объяснить последствия проведения сектантского мероприятия для города и ДК. В частности, если это маленький удалённый от областного центра город, он грозит стать местным сектантским центром. Количество вновь завербованных лиц увеличится в разы, а возможности профилактики и реабилитации сектантства в таком населённом пункте будут сильно ограничены. Кроме этого, стоит подчеркнуть, что информирование граждан об опасности сектантских мероприятий относится к уставным целям любого Миссионерского отдела (противосектантского центра), и потому при всём уважении к директору нам придётся сообщить в СМИ и о проведении членами деструктивного культа своей акции, и о факте предупреждения директора и его окончательном решении. Разумеется, последствием подобных действий будет нежелательная огласка, которая скажется на репутации как ДК, так и самого директора.
4. Учитывать личностные особенности директора (совесть, благородство, патриотизм).
3. Explain the consequences of holding the sectarian/cult event for the city and the Cultural Center. Specifically, if the city is small and remote from the regional center, it risks becoming a local sectarian/cult hub. The number of new recruits will increase significantly, and opportunities for preventing and rehabilitating sectarianism/cultism in such a location will be severely limited. Additionally, it should be emphasized that informing the public about the dangers of sectarian/cult events falls within the statutory goals of any Missionary Department (anti-cult center). Therefore, with all due respect to the director, we will have to inform the media about the action of members of a destructive cult, and about the fact of the director's warning and his final decision. Of course, such actions will result in unwanted publicity, affecting the reputation of both the Cultural Center and the director himself.
4. Consider the director's personal characteristics (conscience, nobility, patriotism).

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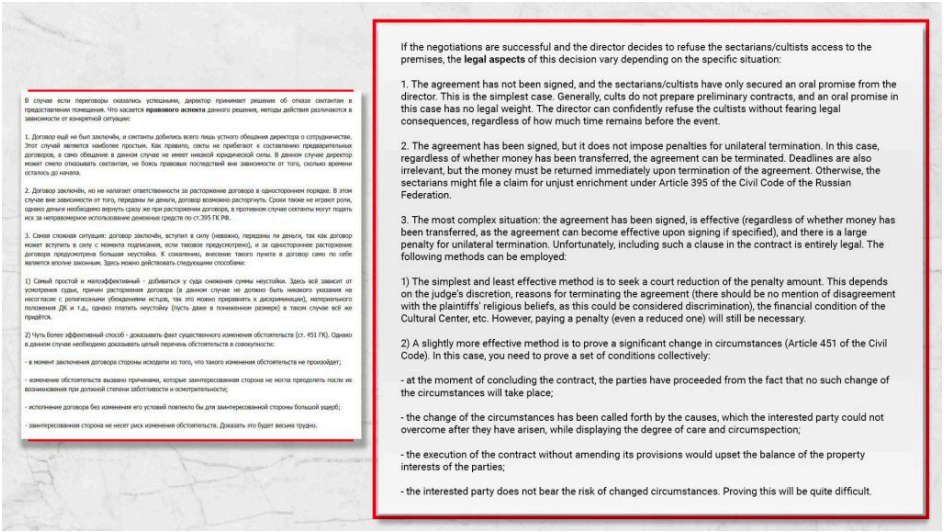
However, if every director subjected to pressure from anti-cultists were not afraid and immediately exposed the manipulation by hidden Nazis, not only would he stop the pressure on himself, but he would also help others, as these destructors would fear acting so unlawfully, blatantly violating the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the next time. If more such cases of exposure occurred, this manipulative method could eventually be practically eliminated. As a result, the public in that city, region, or even the country would breathe more freely, and there would be more justice.



В случае если переговоры оказались успешными, директор принимает решение об отказе сектантам в предоставлении помещения. Что касается **правового аспекта** данного решения, методы действия различаются в зависимости от конкретной ситуации:

1. Договор ещё не был заключён, и сектанты добились всего лишь устного обещания директора о сотрудничестве. Этот случай является наиболее простым. Как правило, секты не прибегают к составлению предварительных договоров, а само обещание в данном случае не имеет никакой юридической силы. В данном случае директор может смело отказывать сектантам, не боясь правовых последствий вне зависимости от того, сколько времени осталось до начала.

2. Договор заключён, но не налагает ответственности за расторжение договора в одностороннем порядке. В этом случае вне зависимости от того, переданы ли деньги, договор возможно расторгнуть. Сроки также не играют роли, однако деньги необходимо вернуть сразу же при расторжении договора, в противном случае сектанты могут подать их за неправомерное использование денежных средств по ст.395 ГК РФ.

3. Самая сложная ситуация: договор заключён, вступил в силу (неважно, переданы ли деньги, так как договор может вступить в силу с момента подписания, если таковое предусмотрено), и за одностороннее расторжение договора предусмотрена большая неустойка. К сожалению, внесение такого пункта в договор само по себе является вполне законным. Здесь можно действовать следующими способами:

1) Самый простой и малоэффективный - добиваться у суда снижения суммы неустойки. Здесь всё зависит от усмотрения судьи, причин расторжения договора (в данном случае не должно быть никакого указания на несогласие с религиозными убеждениями истца, так это можно приравнять к дискриминации), материального положения ДК и т.д., однако платить неустойку (пусть даже в пониженном размере) в таком случае всё же придётся.

2) Чуть более эффективный способ - доказывать факт существенного изменения обстоятельств (ст. 451 ГК). Однако в данном случае необходимо доказывать целый перечень обстоятельств в совокупности:

- в момент заключения договора стороны исходили из того, что такого изменения обстоятельств не произойдет;

- изменение обстоятельств вызвано причинами, которые заинтересованная сторона не могла преодолеть после их возникновения при должной степени заботливости и осмотрительности;

- исполнение договора без изменения его условий повлекло бы для заинтересованной стороны большой ущерб;

- заинтересованная сторона не несет риск изменения обстоятельств. Доказать это будет весьма трудно.

If the negotiations are successful and the director decides to refuse the sectarians/cultists access to the premises, the **legal aspects** of this decision vary depending on the specific situation:

1. The agreement has not been signed, and the sectarians/cultists have only secured an oral promise from the director. This is the simplest case. Generally, cults do not prepare preliminary contracts, and an oral promise in this case has no legal weight. The director can confidently refuse the cultists without fearing legal consequences, regardless of how much time remains before the event.

2. The agreement has been signed, but it does not impose penalties for unilateral termination. In this case, regardless of whether money has been transferred, the agreement can be terminated. Deadlines are also irrelevant, but the money must be returned immediately upon termination of the agreement. Otherwise, the sectarians might file a claim for unjust enrichment under Article 395 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

3. The most complex situation: the agreement has been signed, is effective (regardless of whether money has been transferred, as the agreement can become effective upon signing if specified), and there is a large penalty for unilateral termination. Unfortunately, including such a clause in the contract is entirely legal. The following methods can be employed:

1) The simplest and least effective method is to seek a court reduction of the penalty amount. This depends on the judge's discretion, reasons for terminating the agreement (there should be no mention of disagreement with the plaintiffs' religious beliefs, as this could be considered discrimination), the financial condition of the Cultural Center, etc. However, paying a penalty (even a reduced one) will still be necessary.

2) A slightly more effective method is to prove a significant change in circumstances (Article 451 of the Civil Code). In this case, you need to prove a set of conditions collectively:

- at the moment of concluding the contract, the parties have proceeded from the fact that no such change of the circumstances will take place;

- the change of the circumstances has been called forth by the causes, which the interested party could not overcome after they have arisen, while displaying the degree of care and circumspection;

- the execution of the contract without amending its provisions would upset the balance of the property interests of the parties;

- the interested party does not bear the risk of changed circumstances. Proving this will be quite difficult.

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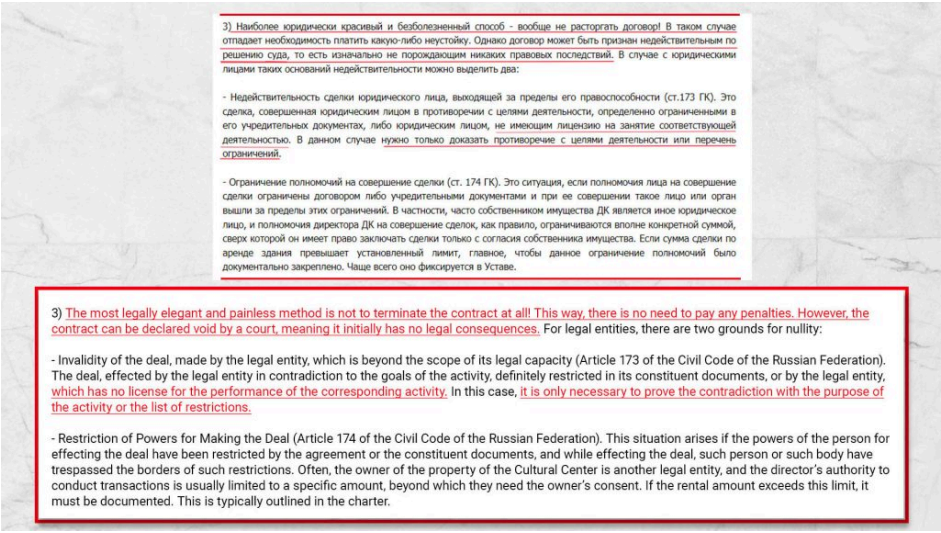

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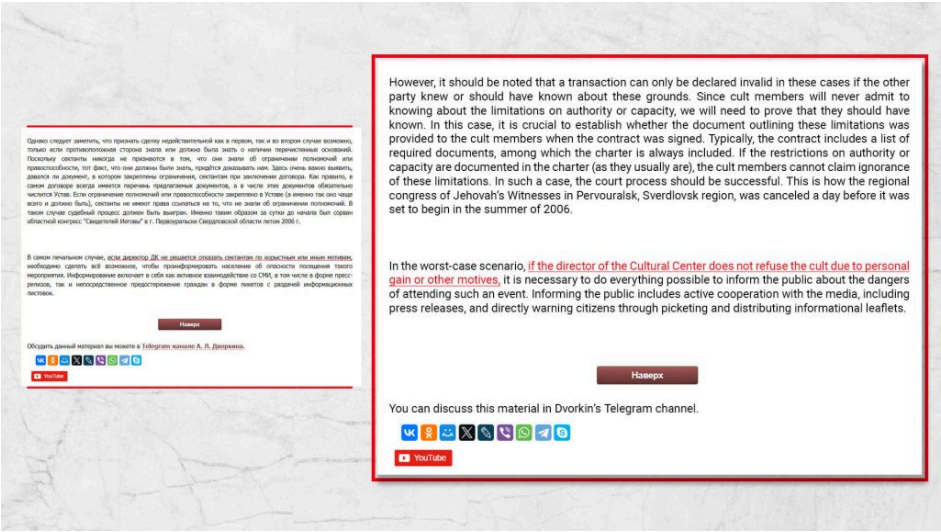
"*...the contract may be declared invalid by court decision.*" — What can be expected from a court decision in a country where, over the past 30 years, anti-cult agents have infiltrated the government, law enforcement agencies, the media, higher education institutions, and various organizations?


However, it should be noted that a transaction can only be declared invalid in these cases if the other party knew or should have known about these grounds. Since cult members will never admit to knowing about the limitations on authority or capacity, we will need to prove that they should have known. In this case, it is crucial to establish whether the document outlining these limitations was provided to the cult members when the contract was signed. Typically, the contract includes a list of required documents, among which the charter is always included. If the restrictions on authority or capacity are documented in the charter (as they usually are), the cult members cannot claim ignorance of these limitations. In such a case, the court process should be successful. This is how the regional congress of Jehovah's Witnesses in Pervouralsk, Sverdlovsk region, was canceled a day before it was set to begin in the summer of 2006.
In the worst-case scenario, if the director of the Cultural Center does not refuse the cult due to personal gain or other motives, it is necessary to do everything possible to inform the public about the dangers of attending such an event. Informing the public includes active cooperation with the media, including press releases, and directly warning citizens through picketing and distributing informational leaflets.
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You can discuss this material in Dvorkin's Telegram channel.
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From these examples alone, it becomes clear that anti-cult organizations are not only targeting new religious movements and various organizations to label them as “sects,” but they are also targeting society as a whole. They seek to dictate, impose, blackmail, control, pass judgment, and ruin lives — those are the interests of a person who believes himself to be a god.

Over 30 years, they have successfully dismantled democracy and freedom in Russian society and have transformed what was once the most peaceful religion into a titular militant religion, completely contradicting its essence, calling to kill rather than to love. They have ruined the lives of millions of Russian citizens, and they still have access to the media,

educational institutions, and our children. They lack humanity and call for “deprogramming” even their loved ones:

“*If any of your relatives, friends, and loved ones have ended up in a sect, and if you, let’s say, work in an organization that deals with these problems… you should be well-versed in these techniques. I would say, in training techniques.*” — E.N. Volkov

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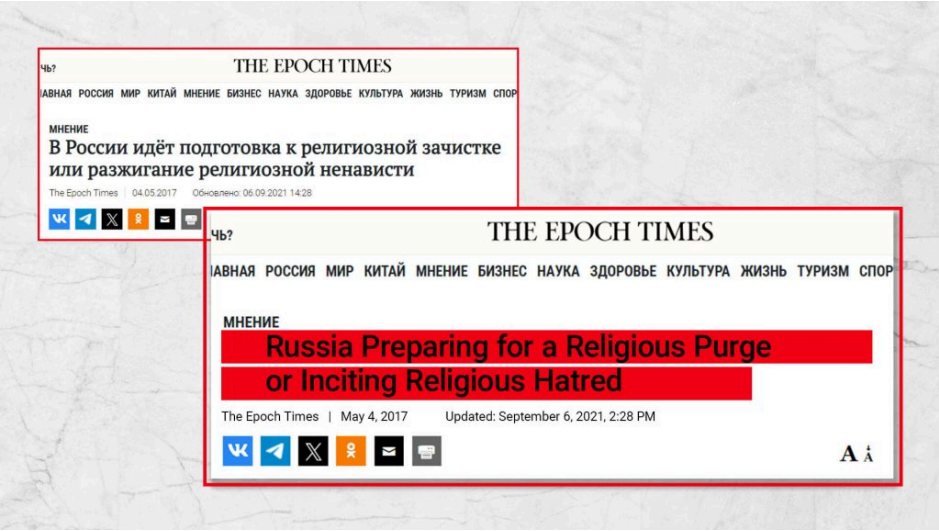

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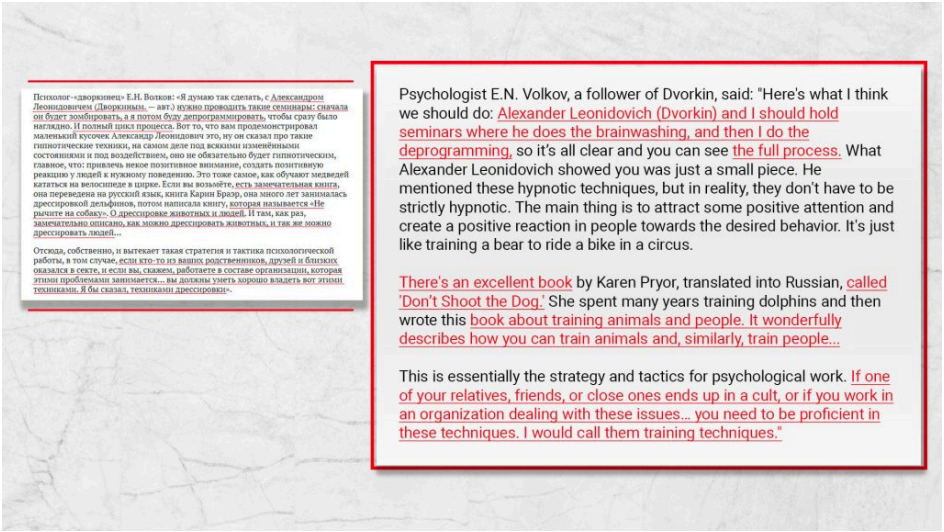

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The Church Has Turned Into a Security Agency: Conducting a Covert War

On the website of the Novosibirsk Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church, led by the aforementioned Archpriest Alexander Novopashin (Vice-President of RACIRS), in the Library section under “Reference Literature,” there is a “Handbook for Ukrainian Citizens on Organizing Resistance to the Kyiv Puppet Government.”

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Upon close examination, it was found that this handbook is also published on the websites of other Orthodox dioceses.

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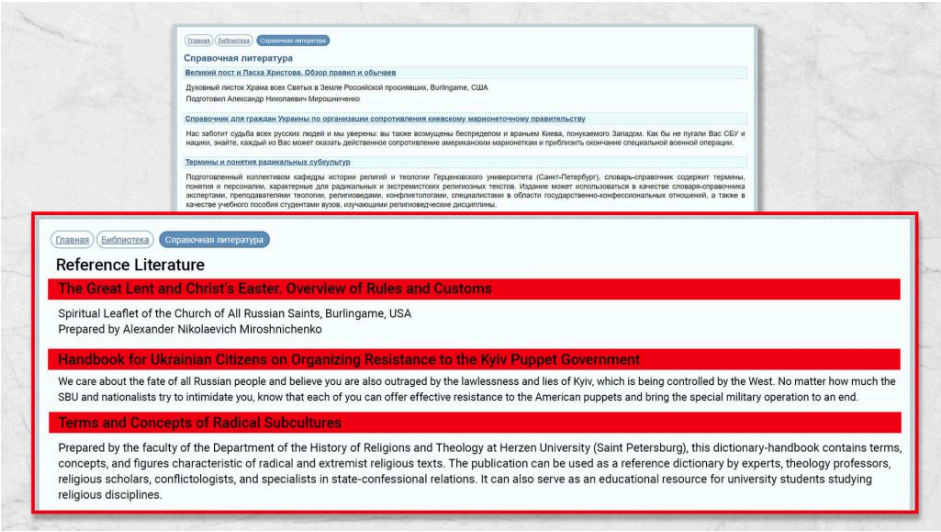

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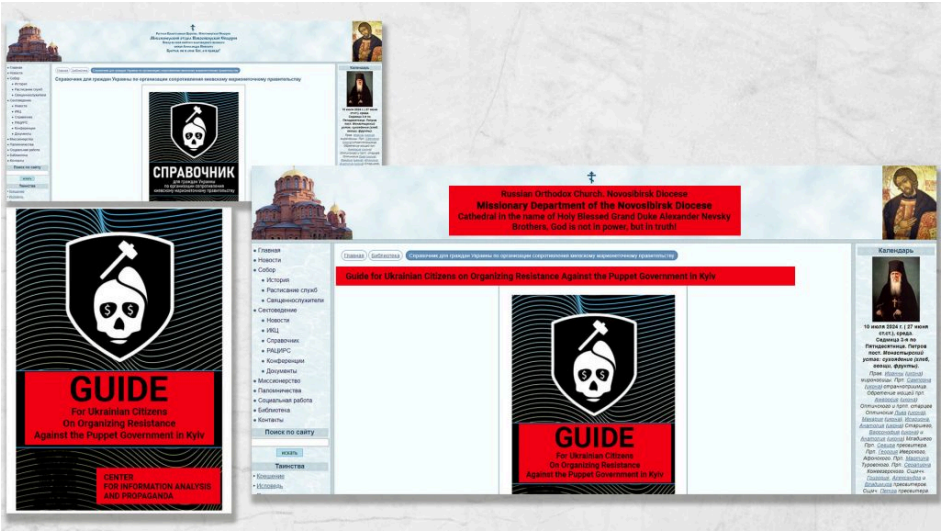
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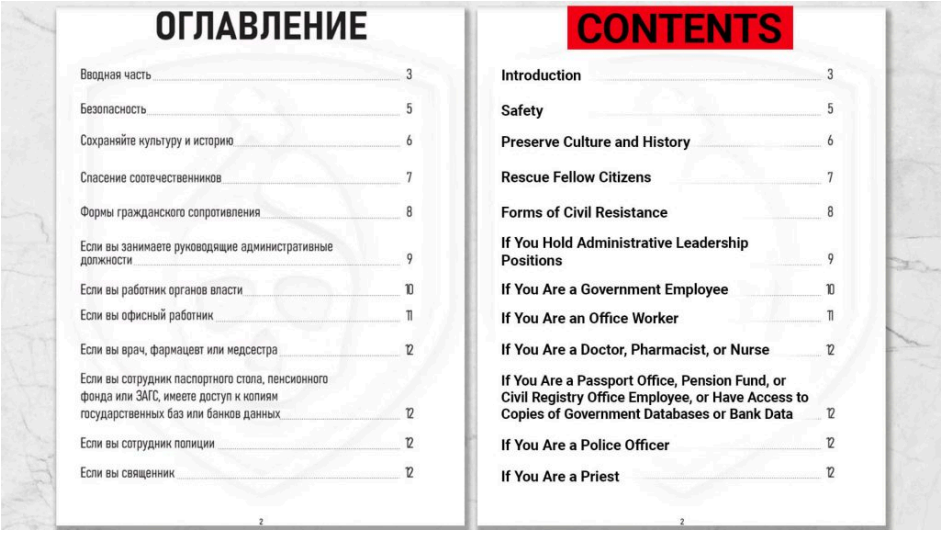

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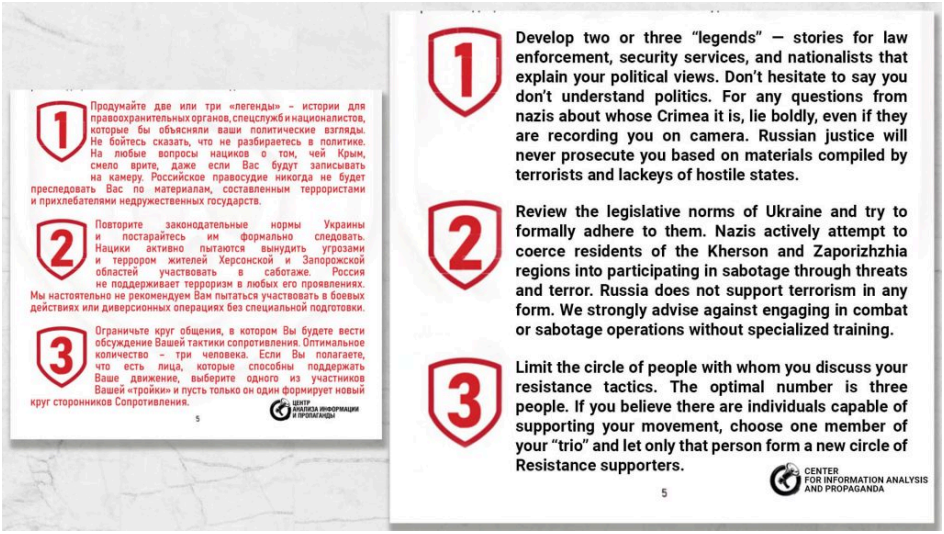

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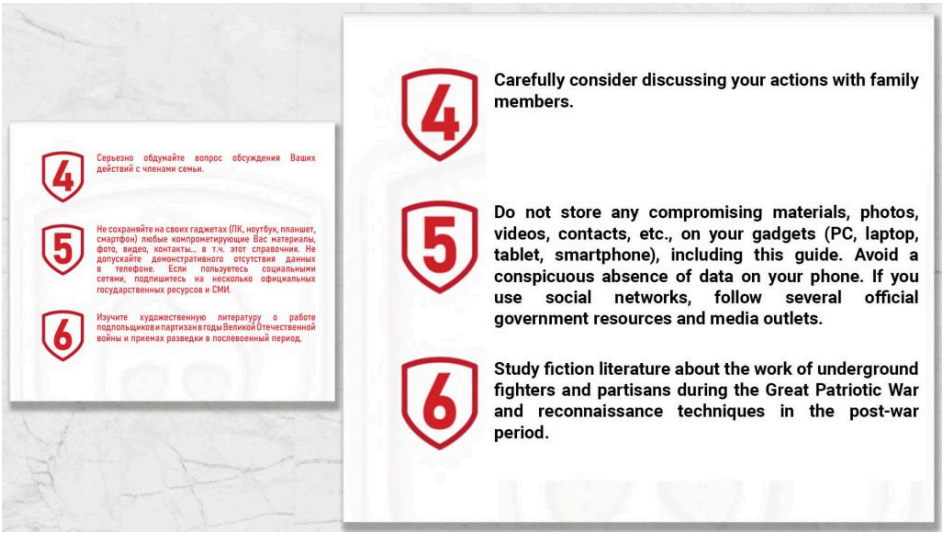

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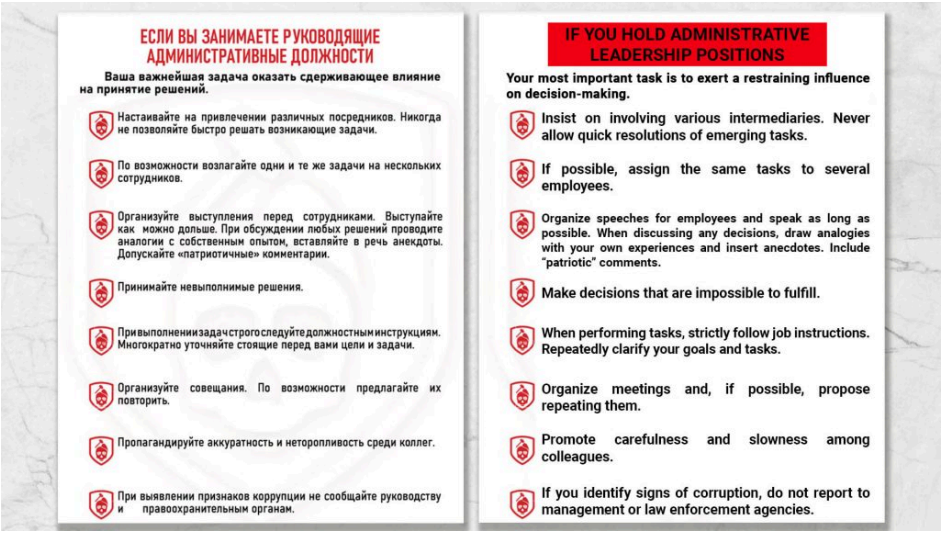

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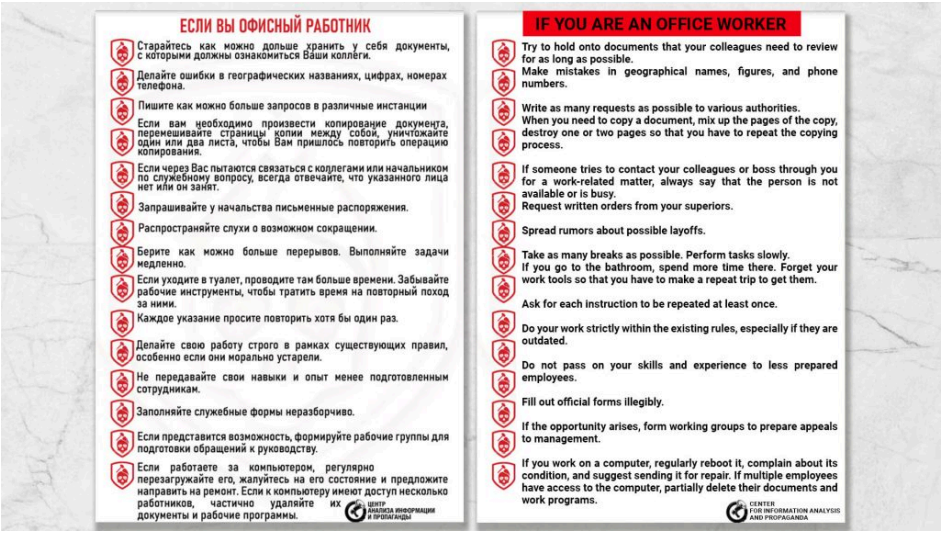

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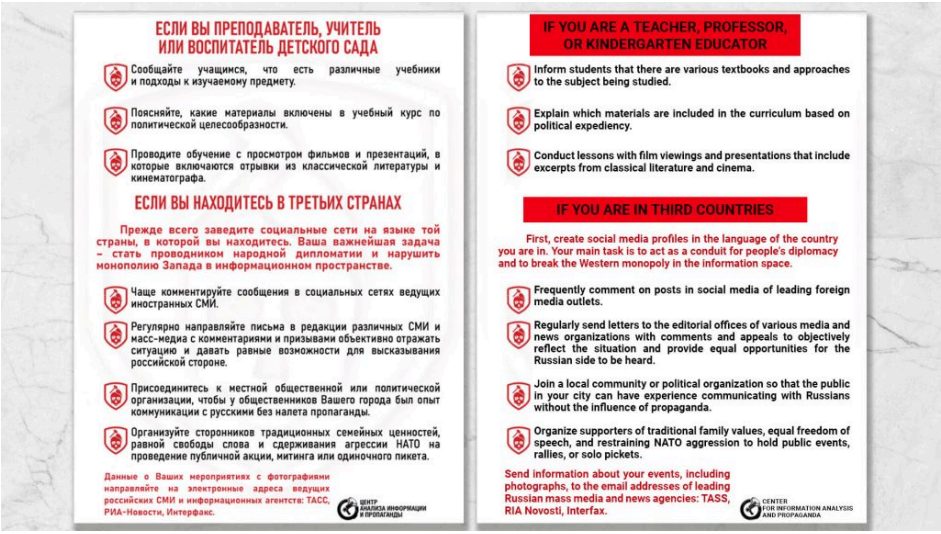

ЕСЛИ ВЫ ПРЕПОДАВАТЕЛЬ, УЧИТЕЛЬ ИЛИ ВОСПИТАТЕЛЬ ДЕТСКОГО САДА

Сообщайте учащимся, что есть различные учебники и подходы к изучаемому предмету.

Поясняйте, какие материалы включены в учебный курс по политической целесообразности.

Проводите обучение с просмотром фильмов и презентаций, в которые включаются отрывки из классической литературы и кинематографа.

ЕСЛИ ВЫ НАХОДИТЕСЬ В ТРЕТЬИХ СТРАНАХ

Прежде всего заведите социальные сети на языке той страны, в которой вы находитесь. Ваша важнейшая задача – стать проводником народной дипломатии и нарушить монополию Запада в информационном пространстве.

Чаще комментируйте сообщения в социальных сетях ведущих иностранных СМИ.

Регулярно направляйте письма в редакции различных СМИ и масс-медиа с комментариями и призывами объективно отражать ситуацию и давать равные возможности для высказывания российской стороне.

Присоединитесь к местной общественной или политической организации, чтобы у общественников Вашего города был опыт коммуникации с русскими без налета пропаганды.

Организуйте сторонников традиционных семейных ценностей, равной свободы слова и сдерживания агрессии НАТО на проведение публичной акции, митинга или одиночного пикета.

Данные о Ваших мероприятиях с фотографиями направляйте на электронные адреса ведущих российских СМИ и информационных агентств: ТАСС, РИА-Новости, Интерфакс.

ЦЕНТР АНАЛИЗА ИНФОРМАЦИИ И ПРОПАГАНДЫ

IF YOU ARE A TEACHER, PROFESSOR, OR KINDERGARTEN EDUCATOR

Inform students that there are various textbooks and approaches to the subject being studied.

Explain which materials are included in the curriculum based on political expediency.

Conduct lessons with film viewings and presentations that include excerpts from classical literature and cinema.

IF YOU ARE IN THIRD COUNTRIES

First, create social media profiles in the language of the country you are in. Your main task is to act as a conduit for people's diplomacy and to break the Western monopoly in the information space.

Frequently comment on posts in social media of leading foreign media outlets.

Regularly send letters to the editorial offices of various media and news organizations with comments and appeals to objectively reflect the situation and provide equal opportunities for the Russian side to be heard.

Join a local community or political organization so that the public in your city can have experience communicating with Russians without the influence of propaganda.

Organize supporters of traditional family values, equal freedom of speech, and restraining NATO aggression to hold public events, rallies, or solo pickets.

Send information about your events, including photographs, to the email addresses of leading Russian mass media and news agencies: TASS, RIA Novosti, Interfax.

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Reading this handbook, one might want to double-check if they are on the right website. It inevitably brings to mind a different Orthodoxy — peaceful, tolerant, humble. The Orthodox Church has always been a refuge for everyone: for some, during moments of hopelessness or despair; for others, in the search for faith and love; for yet others, as a place of solitude and dialogue with God.

But today, on the websites of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Church of Christ (as often heard from the clergy themselves), an instruction on sabotage and conducting covert war is published. The very act of sabotage is a criminal offense, putting Ukrainian citizens at risk. Moreover, this handbook is not just posted anywhere but specifically on the Nizhny

Novgorod Orthodox Diocese website. The question arises: where is the Church of Christ that follows the teachings of the Son of God about love and non-violence?

This is far from the only example where anti-cult Nazis openly oppose the teachings of Jesus Christ and drive Him out of the Church.

Anti-Cult Substitutions in Orthodoxy: Old Testament Ethics Over Christ's Teachings

On the leading Russian Orthodox channel "SPAS" (owned by the Moscow Patriarchate), a series of programs titled "Evening on SPAS" has been airing since 2021. "Evening on SPAS" has become the leading media discussion platform for the Russian Orthodox Church, catering to a vast Orthodox audience from various countries. In one of these episodes, the situation at the front was once again discussed. Among the guests was Evgeny Nikiforov, director of the Orthodox radio station "RADONEZH," which frequently features interviews with Archpriest Alexander Novopashin (vice-president of RACIRS). Among other things, Evgeny Nikiforov stated the following:

"The disease in Ukraine is so advanced that no persuasion, negotiations, or anything else can cure it; only surgery is possible there. Therefore, the only response to these Nazi demonstrations is 'Solntsepyok,' this needs to be burned out

completely... Some might say, 'Oh, this is not the Christian way' — it is quite Christian! It's just that the ethics for these people, who position themselves as pagans, excuse me — and they will get treated like pagans. So for you, it's not New Testament ethics but Old Testament — the ethics of Prophet Elijah, who personally slit the throats of 300 servants of Baal. And with these, it should be the same — to destroy without any doubt. Only Old Testament ethics, or rather, only this language, do they understand."

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A scene from the program "Evening on SPAS" on the leading Russian Orthodox channel "SPAS" (owned by the Moscow Patriarchate)

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These words were spoken by an Orthodox Christian among other Christians and clergy on the main Orthodox television channel. The essence and foundation of Orthodox teaching is the New Testament. A special place in it is the Sermon on the Mount of Christ. In it, the Savior contrasts the old laws with new covenants of love, peace, and non-violence.

An excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, Chapter 5:

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'

22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment;

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

At that time, the Jewish people were guided by the Mosaic Law, which was laid out in the Old Testament. The Mosaic Law followed the old social order, where regulating public relationships among Israelites was paramount. The Jewish people focused on aspects of retribution, vengeance, power,

authority, and hierarchy, which often took precedence over the value of human life.

An excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, Chapter 5:

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

39 But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."

The Sermon on the Mount not only pointed to a new form of peaceful, pious life in society but also opened the path to salvation for every person, regardless of their affiliation to any particular people.

An excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew, Chapter 5:

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The central truth of Orthodox theology is that Christ is God. One of the dogmas of Orthodox doctrine speaks precisely about the Incarnation. Consequently, the teachings of Jesus Christ not only prevail over the rest of the Bible for Orthodox Christians but also represent the divine revelation in their fullness and purity, requiring neither additions nor changes. The Sermon on the Mount is the covenant of Jesus Christ, the commandments of God, spoken not through prophets but directly by the incarnate God.

If today, through the megaphone of the Orthodox Church, through its main media channel, calls for Old Testament ethics of violence and murder are heard, then who is their god? If

they trample on the commandments of Jesus Christ, whom do they serve?

John 8:42-43

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word."

A phrase once read in a book now resonates differently today:

"The departure from Orthodoxy begins when the bright and living common ecclesiastical work of affirming the truth ceases to be common to the whole Church and is declared to be within someone's exclusive competence."

— Archpriest Maxim Kozlov, D.P. Ogitsky, Western Christianity: A View from the East: source[16]

Today, "what is truth" is determined by direct followers of the Nazis. Once, Pilate asked the Savior the same question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). But he was addressing Jesus. Today, having forgotten God, people turn to one another, relying on each other's opinions, literature, articles, and expertise. Based

on these opinions, they pass judgment, deciding they have the right to control the lives of millions of people as if they were gods. And some even presume to know better than Jesus Christ where God should be:

Alexander Dvorkin:

"You constantly hear the same arguments: 'God is one, so why do people invent different religions?' 'God is in the soul' – as if, forgive me, God is mold that appears in the soul by itself. I always want to ask this question: 'From what moment did He appear in you, and how do you actually know that He is there? What are the fruits and what is the name of the God in your soul – do you know this?' Then it means: 'God is in the soul, so why go to church?'"

— "Problems of the Mission of the Modern Russian Orthodox Church"

Source[17]

When you see yet another assertion from an anti-cult Nazi about God that completely contradicts the words of the Savior, you again ask, "Why has the ROC expelled the teachings of Christ from its heart?"

20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,

21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." (Luke 17:20-21)

But under the influence of Alexander Dvorkin, the ROC seems to believe that Jesus spoke foolishly, that the Son of God did not speak about the Kingdom of God being within each person, but instead spoke about mold.

The first Christians were supporters and active defenders of freedom, justice, piety, and love. However, for those who have always seen religion as a tool of power, they defended this tool for the possibility of using violence.

Therefore, today, we witness how the cornerstone of what was once a peaceful religion, built on the commandments of Jesus Christ, has become Old Testament ethics, militancy, and calls for murder. But in the hearts of true Orthodox believers, Jesus Christ lives, as does His teaching, even though the heart of the Russian Orthodox Church is afflicted with mold.

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